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SUBJECT: \$12.5 MILLION IDB LOAN FOR AGRICULTURAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

REF: 77 KINGSTON 5106

1. THE DAILY PRESS JANUARY 4 HEADLINED A US\$12.5 MILLION IDB LOAN TO BOOST FARM OUTPUT IN JAMAICA. THE LOAN, ANNOUNCED BY THE IDB AND APPROVED LAST MONTH, WOULD BE DEVOTED TO DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION. THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE US\$6 MILLION FOR A PROJECT TOTALLING \$18.5 MILLION.

2. THE IDB LOAN COMES FROM THE BANK'S FUND FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND IS EXTENDED ON THE MOST CONCESSIONARY TERMS: 35 YEARS, 2 PERCENT INTEREST, 8 1/2-YEAR GRACE PERIOD.

3. THE IDB LOAN WILL BE USED BY THE BLACK RIVER UPPER MORASS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (BRUMDEC) TO BRING AN ADDITIONAL 8,645 ACRES OF LAND INTO PRODUCTION IN SOUTHEASTERN JAMAICA. THE IDB RELEASE INDICATED THAT THE THREE-YEAR PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT FOR SOME 700 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, RAISE THE INCOME OF SMALL-SCALE FARMERS AND DEMONSTRATE HOW FARM  
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PRODUCTION CAN BE INCREASED THROUGH IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE MEASURES.

4. COMMENT: IN REF CABLE, MISSION SUPPORTED SUBJECT IDB LOAN. THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS MADE UNDER IDB LOAN IN DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION WILL COMPLEMENT THE MARKETING AND PRODUCTION WORK

CONTEMPLATED UNDER THE PROPOSED 1979 AGRICULTURAL  
SECTOR LOAN OF AID. UNDER THIS LATTER PROGRAM,  
FUNDS FOR ON-FARM INVESTMENTS IN WATER MANAGEMENT  
AND PRODUCTION CREDIT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE WHERE  
NEEDED TO ENSURE THE MOST EFFICIENT UTILIZATION  
OF WATER. THE MARKETING MECHANISM WILL BE STREAM-  
LINED THROUGH COOPERATIVE ACTION IN PROCESSING AND  
BY ESTABLISHING LINKAGES WITH THE AGRICULTURAL MARKET-  
ING CORPORATION.  
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